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Mr. William H. Webster
Director
Central Intelligence Agency

Dear Judge Webster:

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Operations, has requested that the General Accounting Office's Office of Special Investigations (GAO/OSI) investigate the Naval Investigative Service's (NIS) inquiry into suspected espionage by United States Marine Corps security guards at the United States Embassy in Moscow. The committee also requested GAO/OSI to determine (1) the extent of recruitment of Marine Corps security guards by foreign intelligence agencies and (2) the extent of espionage activity on the part of the Marines.

Our investigation has determined that the NIS agents and the Department of State personnel who were involved with the initial stages of the espionage investigation had professional contact with personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). It is critical to our investigation that we be able to trace the flow of information from one agency to another so that we can report accurately to the committee as to the efficacy of the investigation conducted by NIS. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter by making available for interview the CIA personnel who contacted the NIS and anyone else who has pertinent knowledge of this investigation.

Please contact Supervisory Special Agent Pat Noble at 272-5536 or Special Agent Thomas Blatchford at 272-5500 concerning this request.

Sincerely,

David C. Williams

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